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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The representation was examined, but the scheme having been deferred only a little previously, in view of the uncertain supplies in the Cauvery, no action could be taken on it pending concrete evidence of a marked improvement in the water position over a period."

SRI S. THINAKARASWAMI THEVAR :—" May I know whether the prior concurrence of any other State is needed before this Pullambadi Scheme can be taken up? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" போன ஆண்டில் காவிரித் தண்ணீர் அதிகரித்து கடலில் போய் வீணாக கலந்துவிட்டது. இந்த கட்டளைமேல் வாய்க்காலை விஸ்தரித்து இங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய ஏரிகளுக்கும், குட்டைகளுக்கும் தண்ணீர் அதிகரிக்கச்செய்ய அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா? அப்படி முன் வருவார்களென்றால் அங்கு இருப்பவர்கள் பணம் திரட்டிக்கொடுக்கத் தயாராய் இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The water position is being studied. We are trying to include the scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan. We discussed about the Pullambadi Scheme and the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and they were considered quite feasible. There is every possibility of the schemes being approved. Only we have to furnish some details to the Planning Commission. I am very sanguine that these schemes will be included in the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the panic created by the District Officers saying in the non-delta and delta irrigation conferences that the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme will not be taken up and that it has been definitely dropped? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member can take my reply at its full value. Why should he be disturbed when the District Officers' statement is contrary to what I have said on the floor of this House? "

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Illicit cutting of trees in forests.

99 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of Government forests in South Kanara district, talukwar;

(*b*) the total income from the forest during 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53 and the expenditure incurred to maintain them during these years;

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(c) the total number of illicit cuttings during these years; and

(d) the steps taken, if any, to prevent illicit cuttings and the results of such step?

A.—(a) The total extent of reserved forests in South Kanara district is given below, talukwar:—

Name of taluk.	Areas of reserved forests in acres.
1 Coondapoor	127,382·70
2 Udipi	924·00
3 Karkal	96,607·70
4 Mangalore	1,108·33
5 Puttur	265,208·87
6 Kasaragod	21,61,0·51
Total ...	512,842.11

(b) The total income from the forests during 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53 and the expenditure incurred are as follows:—

	Income.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
1950–51 .	10,20,175	3,69,010
1951–52 ...	9,73,004	2,85,216
1952–53 ..	6,50,087	2,86,956

(c) Total number of cases of illicit cuttings of trees is:—

1950–51 ...	244
1951–52 ..	282
1952–53 ..	396

(d) The following steps are taken by the Forest department to prevent illicit cutting and transport of timber:—

(1) The forest concessions prevailing in South Kanara Division have been withdrawn in respect of Kalanjimale Reserve Forest in Puttur Range.

(2) Security deposits of six catechu contractors in Coondapoor Range amounting to Rs. 3,307 were confiscated to Government.

(3) Proposals for the introduction of Revised Timber Transit Rules for South Kanara Division and for banning night transport by lorries are under consideration.

(4) Under section 2 (a) of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXIX of 1949), the Government have declared 'Catechu' to be an essential article.

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(5) An area lease of 43 acres in Aletty Reserved Forest granted for a period of 50 years from 1st January 1952 was cancelled.

Results.—As a result of the above steps taken, illicit cuttings of trees from reserved forests have been reduced and at present there is practically no organized thieving of timber from reserved forests.

Improvements made to the Government hospitals in the City of Madras.

100 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the improvements made to the Government Stanley Hospital, Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Government General Hospital, Government Kasturba Hospital, Chepauk, Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram, and Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, by way of (i) increased accommodation, (ii) increased staff and (iii) new buildings, if any, in the year 1952–53; and

(*b*) the amount spent therefor?

A.—(*a*) In the *Stanley Hospital* an Infectious Diseases block with provision for 12 beds was completed and occupied and two blocks of buildings which can accommodate 96 beds are nearing completion. Sanction was accorded to the employment of an additional staff of six nurses, ten nurse-pupils, two compounders, six nursing orderlies, six totis and one cook. The bed-strength of the hospital has been increased from 462 to 724.

In the *Government Hospital for Women and Children,* no improvements by way of additional accommodation or new buildings were sanctioned in that year. An additional staff of one Radiologist, one Radiographer and four nurses were sanctioned to the hospital.

No improvements by way of increased accommodation, additional staff or new buildings were sanctioned to the *Government Ophthalmic Hospital* in 1952–53.

In the *Government General Hospital,* a Cancer Pavilion has been constructed. Sanction was accorded to the incurring of an expenditure of Rs. 25,000 on the first floor of the pavilion and this will accommodate eight floor of the hospital which will give accommodation for in-patients. The structural alteration to the second 238 beds is in progress. No additional staff was sanctioned to the hospital.

In the *Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children,* the bed-strength was increased from 407 to 515. New quarters for nurses have been constructed. The construction of a new steam laundry is in progress. An

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additional staff of one Assistant Surgeon, two House-Surgeons, two nurses, one upper division clerk, one lower division clerk, one telephone attender, one Theatre Assistant, three nursing orderlies, one gate peon, two ambulance attendants, two watermen, two toties, one sweeper, two Gurka watchmen and one lascar, have been sanctioned to the hospital.

In the *Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram,* no improvements by way of increased accommodation or new buildings have been sanctioned. An additional staff of one Hon. Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon, one Anæsthetist, one nurse, one nursing orderly, two watermen, two sweepers, three Gurka watchmen and one social worker has been sanctioned.

In the *Mental Hospital,* a post of Welfare Assistant was created. No other improvements by way of additional accommodation or new buildings have been sanctioned.

(*b*) Rs. 3,22,570.

Grant of a share of the land revenue to panchayats.

101 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of the names of the panchayats to which the share of the and revenue referred to in section 71 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950, is given?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the Unstarred Question No. 35 placed on the table of the House on 30th March 1954.

Wenlock Hospital and Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

102 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds provided in the Wenlock Hospital and the Lady Goschen Hospital at Mangalore;

(*b*) how many cases of operations were conducted in both the Hospitals from 1948–52;

(*c*) the number of cases where the operations were successful and the number of cases where death occurred from 1948 to 1952;

(*d*) whether there is a separate Dental section provided in the Wenlock Hospital; and

(*e*) if so, the strength of the Medical Officers attached to that section?

A.—(*a*) The sanctioned bed-strength of the Government Wenlock Hospital and Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, is 116 and 120 respectively.

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(b) 16,538.

(c) In 16,396 cases, operations were successful and in 142 cases they proved fatal.

(d) Yes.

(e) One part-time Dentist.

Supply of electricity to the villages in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar.

103 *Q.*—Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the supply of electricity has been extended to any village in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend the supply of electricity to any of the villages in the taluk, this year;

(c) whether any investigations have been made for extending the supply of electricity to places like Perintalmanna, Ottapalam, Pattambi, Mannarghat and Cherpalcherry; and

(d) if so, with what result?

A.—(a) Supply of electricity has not so far been extended to any village in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district.

(b) A scheme for the extension of supply of electricity for industrial, domestic, street lighting, etc., purposes at Ottapalam in Walluvanad taluk has been sanctioned and the work will be taken up for execution during 1954-55 subject to availability of funds and materials.

(c) & (d) Proposals for extension of supply of electricity to Angadipuram and Perintalmanna in Walluvanad taluk (covering Malapuram and Manjeri also) and extension of supply to Pattambi from Shoranur are under examination in the Electricity Department. The feasibility of extending supply of electricity to Mannarghat will be investigated only after the proposal referred to above has been sanctioned and executed. Supply of electricity to Cherpalcherry may be feasible either from Perintalmanna or Shoranur after the execution of the above scheme.

Report of offences to the Police Station, Panur, North Malabar.

104 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many complaints of (i) cognizable and (ii) non-cognizable offences were reported to the Police Station, Panur (North Malabar), during the year 1953; and

(b) how many were charge-sheeted in Court and how many dropped as undetectable?

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A.—(a) Complaints regarding 34 cognizable offences and 25 non-cognizable offences were preferred in the Panur Police Station, Malabar district, during the year 1953.

(b) Out of the 34 cognizable offences, 11 cases were charge-sheeted, and 7 cases were dropped as undetectable. No action was taken in the case of the 25 non-cognizable offences, as no public interest was involved in any of them. The parties were advised by the police to seek relief in a court of law.

Cholera at Nagore, Tanjore district.

105 Q.—Sri N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of attack of cholera reported during the 'Kanduri Festival' at Nagore in Tanjore district, during the month of February 1954; and

(b) how many proved fatal?

A.—(a) Five.

(b) Two.

Schemes sanctioned under the Local Development Works Programme for North Arcot.

106 Q.—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the schemes approved by the Planning Commission as recommended by the Madras State in the North Arcot district under the Local Works Programme?

A.—The schemes approved for North Arcot district for 1953–54 are given in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House.

Grant of subsidy to cottage industries in North Arcot.

107 Q.—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of subsidy granted to each cottage industry in the district of North Arcot in 1953?

A.—No subsidy was granted to any cottage industry in North Arcot district in the year 1953.

State aid to industries in North Arcot district.

108 Q.—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the amount lent in North Arcot district under the State Aid to Industries Act since its commencement;

(b) the nature of the industries to which such aid was given and their progress; and

(c) how much of the amount lent has been recovered?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 785–787 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The amount lent is Rs. 15,89,000.

(*b*) A statement [a] is appended below.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 1,19,852-5-6 has been recovered.

Increase of bed-strength in the Government Hospital, Wandiwash.

109 *Q.*—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds in the Government Hospital at Wandiwash for treating in-patients;

(*b*) the daily average number of in-patients during the year 1952–53; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of beds in that hospital?

A.—(*a*) Sixteen.

(*b*) Eighteen in 1952 and twenty-three in 1953.

(*c*) The Hospital Maternity Home Building Committee at Wandiwash offered to construct a maternity ward of four beds to the Government Hospital, Wandiwash, and hand over the same free of cost to the department for maintenance and the Government accepted the offer. After the construction of the building, the bed-strength of the hospital will be increased from 16 to 20.

Grant of loans to cyclone-affected agriculturists in Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district.

110 *Q.*—Sri N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted for special loan for cyclone-affected agriculturists or patta holders in Nagapattinam taluk of Tanjore district in 1953;

(*b*) the number of loan applications sanctioned; and

(*c*) the total amount disbursed and the average amount disbursed to an applicant?

A.—(*a*) The amount allotted is Rs. 2,60,650.

(*b*) The number of loan applications sanctioned is 935.

(*c*) The total amount disbursed is Rs. 2,55,800 only, and the average amount disbursed to an applicant is Rs. 274.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 787–788 infra.

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Leasing out of temple lands to hut-dwellers in the City of Madras.

111 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of temples under the jurisdiction of Hindu Religious Endowments Board whose vacant lands are leased out for hut-dwellers to have their superstructures on, in the City of Madras on a rental basis; and

(*b*) the amount that the temples derive as rent from such leased out lands?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The particulars are furnished below:—

Names of the temples.	Amount derived as rent by the temple.
1 Sri Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore.	200 huts—About Rs. 358-10-0 per month.
2 Sri Parthasarathi temple, Triplicane.	200 huts—No rents are collected from the hut-dwellers. But the lands are in possession of the temple (Parthasarathi kuppam).
3 Sri Agastheeswarar and Prasannavenkatesa Perumal Devasthanam, Nungambakkam.	300 huts—Rs. 450 per month.
4 Sri Parusuramalingeswarar temple, Ayyanavaram, Madras.	Rs. 1,800 per year.
5 Sri Arunachaleswarar temple, Tondiarpet, Madras.	Rs. 300 per year.
6 Sri Chellapillaroyar temple, Otteri, Madras.	Rs. 320 per year (not collected regularly).
7 Sri Arunachaleswar temple, Palliappan Street, Georgetown, Madras.	Rs. 1,200 per year (collection difficult).
8 Sri Sivasubramanyaswami temple, Mint Street, Georgetown, Madras.	Rs. 20 per mensem.

Laying of roads in Ponneri taluk.

112 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the names of the roads laid in 1952 and 1953 and proposed to be laid in 1954 in Ponneri taluk and the costs thereof?

A.—A statement [a] showing the names of roads laid in 1952 and 1953 and proposed to be laid in 1954 in Ponneri taluk and the costs thereof is appended.

[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 788 infra.

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Grant of loans to agriculturists in Pudukkottai.

113 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the total amount disbursed as (1) takkavi loans, (2) well-subsidy loans and (3) other loans to agriculturists in each of the taluks of Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, for the years 1952–53 and 1953–54 up to February 28th, 1954?

A.—

Name of the taluk.	*Kind of loan.*	*Total amount disbursed in* 1952–53.	1953–54.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		RS.	RS.
Alangudi taluk ..	1 Takkavi loan ..	39,500	39,750
	2 Well-subsidy ..	Nil	Nil
	3 Other loans ..	Nil	Nil
Tirumayam taluk ..	1 Takkavi loans ..	60,140	10,750
	2 Well-subsidy ..	Nil	Nil
	3 Other loans ..	Nil	Nil
Keeranur taluk ..	1 Takkavi loan ..	1,21,650	43,600
	2 Subsidy loans ..	Nil	Nil
	3 Other loans ..	13,740	31,580

(Loan granted by District Agricultural Officer as per bonds received from the Treasury Deputy Collector's Office.)

Utilization of the amount allotted out of the Handloom Cess Fund.

114 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the schemes for the utilisation of the amount available out of the Handloom Cess Fund; and

(*b*) how the money received has been utilized so far?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The particulars asked for in the question have been furnished already in reply to Question No. 71 by Sri N. K. Palanisami, which was answered on 27th March 1954.

Dispensaries in Pudukkottai.

115 *Q.*—Sri R. M. PALANIAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hospitals in each taluk of Pudukkottai Division; and

(*b*) whether there is any Advisory Committee for the hospital at Pudukkottai?

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A.—(*a*) There are no hospitals, but there are dispensaries as shown below :—

Three in Kolathur taluk.
Four in Tirumayam taluk.
Four in Alangudi taluk.

(*b*) Yes.

State guests.

116 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the expenditure incurred by the Government on State guests from 1st January 1952 to 19th March 1954 with details as to the names of such guests, the period of their stay and travel in the State and the messing expenses given separately?

A.—Normally the following visitors are treated as State guests :—

(1) The President, the Prime Minister and the Vice-President of India.

(2) The Governors and Rajpramukhs of the States.

(3) Ministers of the Government of India.

(4) Ministers of State Governments in India.

(5) High Personages (Indian and Foreign).

(6) Members of Foreign Delegations, Goodwill Missions, etc. Families of these guests, accompanying the guests, are also treated as State guests.

Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information required about the details of expenditure, etc., will not be commensurate with any useful purpose, mere collection of such statistics may serve.

Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes in Police department.

117 *Q.*—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Gazetted and Non-gazetted Officers in the Police department belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the State?

A.—There are 7 Gazetted Officers and 2,584 Non-Gazetted Officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Police department.

Employment through the Employment Exchange, South Arcot.

118 *Q.*—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for appointments were registered by the South Arcot Employment Exchange in the year 1953–54;

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(*b*) how many of them were from candidates belonging to (i) Scheduled Castes and (ii) Scheduled Tribes; and

(*c*) how many persons were provided with employment—communitywar?

A.—(*a*) Four thousand two hundred and ninety-four.

(*b*) (i) Scheduled Castes—454.

(ii) Scheduled Tribes—Nil.

(*c*) Brahmans—77.

Non-Brahmans—34.

Christians—35.

Muslims—24.

Backward Classes—198.

Scheduled Castes—69.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) MEDICAL AID TO INHABITANTS OF BLATHUR IN CHIRAKKAL TALUK, NORTH MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to render effective medical aid to the inhabitants of Blathur in Irukkur Firka, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, who are affected with a peculiar eye disease in the form of an epidemic, resulting in the losing of eye-sight.' "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Sir, about 200 inhabitants of the Blathur village in Chirakkal taluk of North Malabar have been affected by a peculiar kind of eye disease and the disease is in an epidemic stage. When a person is attacked by that disease, his eyes become red and swollen and tears flow from them, and in due course eye-sight is lost. In 1946 such a disease prevailed in this village. The doctors of Madras then organized a non-official medical mission and sent it to this village and the neighbouring villages and the mission did some research. The prevalence of the disease even after 1946 was brought to the notice of the Government, but no action was taken by them. Early in May 1954, the disease assumed an epidemic form. Some doctors and a food expert have gone to the place, and some enquiry was made five days ago. I have received information from that place that they have not been able to diagnose the disease. My submission is that the poor people should not be victimized because of the inability of the doctors to diagnose the disease. It is reported that 20 people have lost their eye-sight, 180 people are suffering from the disease and I do not know how many more people will be attacked. I request the Hon. Minister to take effective steps immediately to cure those who have been attacked and to prevent the spread of the disease."